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SELF-CONTAINED SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT
HAVING COMPACT ARRANGEMENT OF LOAD-LOCK AND PROCESSING CHAMBERS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office action of November 18, 2004, the period for response having been extended by a Petition for Extension of Time, the following remarks are submitted.

The Office Action of November 18, 2004 and the references cited therein have been carefully studied and reviewed, and in view of the following representations, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Pending claim 13 sets forth semiconductor manufacturing equipment in which a number of the process chambers 32a (or 32b in the embodiment of FIG. 4), and a number of corresponding load lock chambers 34a (or 34b), are disposed side-by-side as oriented parallel to one another at each of first and second sides of the transfer chamber 30a. Also, these first and second sides of the transfer chamber